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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/157,884	Applicant(s) VEGA-GARCIA
	Examiner Prieto, B.	Group Art Unit 2152

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Prieto, B. (USPTO)

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(2) Conklin, J. (Reg. No. 30,369)

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Date of Interview Jun 13, 2001

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 24 and 32

Identification of prior art discussed:

Bar et. al. (U.S. 6,122,665)

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

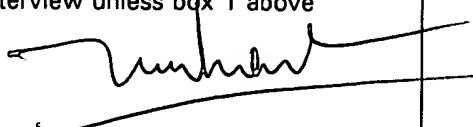
Discussed claims (24 and 32) limitation in particular; "determining whether one or more of the first and second sets of audio data is associated with an inactive conference participant; and responsive to determination of the inactive conference participant, substituting a third set of data from a third conference participant, for at least the one of the first and second sets of audio data associated with the inactive conference participant"; Applicant further amplified that the operation of substitution comprises the mapping of streams, wherein by monitoring incoming data stream's activity associated with each participant, data streams are mapped or not mapped to downstream modules based on the active or inactive status of the stream. Examiner will review claim limitation and applied art in light of specifications and provided clarification upon subsequent communication to latest office action.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.



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